



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

FROM: K. John Egelhaaf

DATE: August 15, 2018

RE: Staff Report for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission August 24, 2018

Office Updates

- A. New Time & Billing Software Trial
 - a. Currently Working on Two-Week Trial of BillQuick
 - b. Potentially Better:
 - i. Project Financial Management Reports to Planners
 - ii. Record of Project by Project Expenses Against Budget
- B. Innovation Fellow
 - a. Exploring New Approaches to Digital Media Outreach
 - b. New Website Draft Design
 - c. Social Media Opportunities
 - d. Quarterly and Annual Reporting

Project Updates

- A. Stormwater, Asset Management, Wastewater Program (SAW) Grants
 - a. Michigan Tributaries Project (SWMPC SAW Grant #1)
 - i. Extensive Water Sampling & Testing
 - ii. Definitive Evidence of Surface Water Contamination
 - iii. Sources of Contamination Being Explored
 - iv. Galien River Sanitary District (GRSD) Also Working on SAW Grant
 - v. Excellent Collaboration Between SWMPC & Local Government
 - b. Ox Creek Watershed (SWMPC SAW Grant #2)
 - i. New Website w/Potential Strategies for Development: <https://sustainoxcreek.org/>
 - ii. SWMPC Partnership w/Drain Commissioner on Implementation
- B. State Aerial Imagery Exchange
 - a. MI Statewide Authoritative Imagery & Lidar Program
 - b. SWMPC Co-Hosted Meeting w/DTMB-Office of Technological Partnerships
 - c. County GIS Shared w/State in Exchange for 12 inch Aerial Imagery
 - i. To be Flown in 2019

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B. Connect Berrien Transportation Study

- Final Study August 27
- Consultant to Present Findings to Each Transit Provider
- Consultant Exposure Through Regional Media Outlets
- <http://connectberrien.org/>.

C. Napier Avenue Corridor Study

- <http://napieravenue.org/>.
- Final Public Meeting Soon

D. Twin Cities Harbor Visioning Charrette

- Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/TwinCitiesHarborVC/>
 - September 19th – First Public Opportunity
- SWMPC Partnership with: Governor's Office, Office of the Great Lakes, Michigan Sea Grant, MSU Extension, National Charrette Institute, Michigan DNR

E. Chikaming Township Local Road Asset Management Plan

- Final Draft Plan Produced August 15
- Excellent Collaboration with Berrien County Road Department, Chikaming Township, & SWMPC.